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**OPENING OF I. L. AND C.**  
On next Tuesday the Industrial Institute and College will begin its thirty-fifth annual session, and the Commercial joins the people of Columbus in extending a most cordial welcome not only to the teachers and former students who come here to resume their work, but to the new members of the faculty and young ladies who will enter the institution for the first time.

President Whitfield states that the number of applications for dormitory reservations is the largest in the history of the institution, and the session will no doubt be a most successful and profitable one.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT.**  
As a means of seeking better enforcement of the city laws against such flagrant evils as lewdness, illicit sale of intoxicants and gambling, a movement was started here last Thursday evening when a quiet meeting was held at the First Methodist church, and it is hoped that great results will be accomplished.

The meeting held means the beginning of a crusade against the outrageous moral conditions now existing in this city, and a call to our officers and citizens to stand for a general cleaning-up of conditions.

**ADVERTISE.**  
"A man who lives in our town  
Thought he was wondrous wise;  
He jumped into a business,  
But would not advertise.  
But when he found his business gone  
He tried a method sane—  
He started then to advertise,  
And got it back again."

**HOW NUMBER 2 COMES DOWN THE HILL.**

(A Parody)  
Reference:  
How does the waters come down at  
Lodore?  
My little boy asked me  
Thus, once on a time;  
And moreover, he tasked me  
Anon at the word,  
There came first one  
And then came another,  
To second the third  
The request of her brother,  
And to hear how the waters  
Come down at Lodore.  
—Robert Southey.

Though no Laureate to a man crowned  
King,  
Nor given to rhyme for the nursery,  
We have an ear for the harmonious,  
And that is why we are making  
this fling.

No children have slyly suggested it,  
And no good friend has kindly ob-  
jected,  
Therefore in our own voluntary way  
We are describing how it brings on  
the fit.

Awaking, crossing advancing,  
Mumbling and rumbling,  
Growling and grunting,  
Grinding and grating,  
Squeaking and squealing,  
And slapping and clapping,  
And rattling and rattling,  
And jingling and jingling,  
And bumping and bumping,  
And panting and ranting,  
And twisting and twirling,  
And ripping and roaring,  
And flushing and flying,  
Defeating the ear with its awful  
thrill,  
In this wild way Number 2 comes  
down the hill.  
—Insomnia.

**BURNING OF THE BILLUPS' HOME.**

"One idea awakened in the breast,  
By memory's magic, lets in all the  
rest."

Often I have passed by this grand  
and historic home, with merely a  
passing thought of the various po-  
litical and influential men, who have  
been entertained there, and of the  
many refined, accomplished and  
beautiful women, who had in times  
past, and down to the hour of de-  
struction, continued to adorn it.

But as I again more carefully  
viewed it today, with its charred and  
ruined frame work, only partly  
standing—as I saw the costly and  
old time, handsome furniture, hope-  
lessly shattered—the sight caused  
me to feel more than a casual inter-  
est, and my whole heart went out  
to the former inmates, filled with  
the most sincere sympathy, for I had  
suffered in like manner in few years  
back. It is no light matter to have  
to stand helplessly, and see the  
household comforts, the necessities  
of every day life, the accumulations  
of years, the very many treasured  
memories, the "Lares et penates" of  
several generations, all swept away  
in a few hours by fire.

I thought too of the historic me-  
mories attached to the house, and of  
one incident, personal to myself—  
pardon me—which developed into  
the pivotal point of my life, for it  
was in the parlors of that house,  
where, for the first time I met the  
magnificent girl who later became  
my wife.

Until 1858 Gov. Whitfield lived in  
the house now occupied by Miss Sal-  
lie Billups. Then he and Col. Isham  
Harrison built, the new home, later  
the Billups' home, just burned.  
Col. Harrison was an able lawyer,  
an astute politician and a valiant  
soldier and was killed leading his  
troops in terrific battle. But while in  
life he enjoyed an unusual privilege,  
to sit at the feet of his Gamaliel fa-  
ther in law, and listen to his vari-  
ous fund of information Gov. Whitfield  
was a brainy man, was the organizer  
of the Columbus Insurance and  
Banking Company in 1852—was a  
remarkable politician, with unusual  
faculty of attaching all men to him,  
and making no enemies. He owned  
the splendid plantation in the prairie—  
still known as the Whitfield place—  
and was in the mercantile business  
with Henry Buchanan.

His home was famed throughout  
the state for its hospitality, and was  
often visited by prominent public  
men. Jefferson Davis always made  
this his abiding place. A wonder-  
ful scene was enacted there in 1860.  
As a prelude to it, let me state,  
when Mexico declared war against  
the United States in 1846, the Gov-  
ernor of Mississippi called for vol-  
unteers. Col. A. K. McClung, the  
famous duellist, in a few days organ-  
ized the "Tombsville Volunteers."  
He marched them through the coun-  
try to Vicksburg—we had no rail-  
roads then—where it was consolidated  
with other companies forming the  
regiment later famous in Mexico as  
the "First Mississippi Regiment."  
Mr. Davis was at Washington serving  
as congressman—he was elected by  
the regiment as its colonel, with Mc-  
Clung as lieutenant-colonel.

Mr. Davis at once resigned as con-  
gressman, and went to Mexico, where  
Mr. Davis and the regiment both be-  
came famous.

Indulge me to review events which  
led up to Mr. Davis' presence here,  
which is really a historic occasion.

1860 was a political convention  
year, to nominate presidential candi-  
dates. The Democratic convention  
was held at Charleston, where  
"Beast" Ben Butler, was a delegate  
and cast 58 consecutive ballots for  
Jefferson Davis. In the light of  
later events, that looks strange. But  
no nomination could be made, and  
the already inflamed people of South

Carolina were thrown into a frenzy  
by a great speech for State rights  
and Southern isolation by the elec-  
trical W. L. Yancy, of Alabama.  
The northern delegates were intimid-  
ated and afraid to speak boldly,  
contented for the transfer of the con-  
vention to Baltimore. There  
fresh fiction arose and the conven-  
tion split, one part going to Rich-  
mond, Va. The Baltimore wing nomi-  
nated Douglas and Johnson, the  
Richmond wing nominated Bucken-  
ridge and Lane. A little later the  
Whigs nominated Bell and Everett,  
and the Radical Republicans nomi-  
nated Lincoln and Hamlin. By this  
time, with the aid of "Uncle Tom's  
Cabin," by Mrs. Stowe, the whole  
country had been wrought up to a  
state of the wildest indignation and  
excitement. A great barbecue was  
given here in Columbus, out at the  
fair grounds, and Mr. Davis was in-  
vited to speak. It seemed to be un-  
derstood that he would on that oc-  
casion strike the key note of future  
action, and very many party leaders  
and newspaper men came from this  
and surrounding states. The speech  
has always been classed as one of  
the greatest efforts of his career.

The night following that occasion  
Mr. Davis was serenaded at Gov.  
Whitfield's residence, which was al-  
ways his abiding place when visiting  
here, by the veterans of his old First  
Mississippi Regiment, Wm. Wade,  
Wm. Patterson and E. H. Gregory,  
besides others, being among the num-  
ber. Mr. Davis spoke from the up-  
per balcony, in that musical, magne-  
tic voice, that no one ever forgot who  
once heard it.

Thousands stood in the streets  
which crossed at the corners near the  
house, and when he had finished it  
is said no one left until they had  
taken his hand and heard his pleas-  
ant greeting.

For some years people passing that  
point would again gaze upon the  
portico that Jefferson Davis had ded-  
icated and consecrated, as it were,  
by the speech.

On that occasion Governor Whit-  
field entertained Mr. Davis, Col.  
George Young of Waverly, enter-  
tained (then) Congressman Lam-  
mar. Gov. Pettus was entertained  
by Gen. J. V. Harris, and Mr. Bark-  
dale by—well, I have forgotten.

The night Mr. Davis spoke there  
was a grand social occasion there,  
with a splendid band, and champagne  
flowed as free and abundantly as  
water—that was the rule in those  
days.

Miss Callie Harrison was a grand  
daughter of Gov. Whitfield, and she  
and Gen. E. T. Sykes were married  
there in that house in 1863, and  
about daylight took the train to ac-  
company the general—then captain  
—to his command.

Gen. Walthall also was a visitor in  
the Billups home and I well remem-  
ber meeting him on the occasion of  
the Ginsberger-Trost wedding, which  
he came to attend, being a personal  
friend of Mr. Ginsberger.

It is commonly accepted that Gen.  
Pettus also, made this his home in  
his frequent visits here, but that is  
an error, it was at Col. T. C. Billups'  
home that he was entertained. But  
the famous review of Sam Jones,  
never felt that he had reached Col-  
umbus, till he had become settled  
in this historic old Whitfield-Billups'  
home.

By way of parenthesis I beg to  
note that the Captain of Co. "A" of  
Mr. Davis' 1st Mississippi Regiment  
was John Sharp, the grandfather of  
our present distinguished U. S. Sen-  
ator, John Sharp Williams. Also  
that after Capt. McClung was elected  
lieut.-colonel, W. P. Rogers of Ab-  
erdeen was made Captain.

Gov. Whitfield died in 1875. The  
Brooks family then owned it a few  
years, then Major John Billups  
bought it and it has been their fam-  
ily home ever since.

Now it is destroyed, at a time  
when high prices amount to a pro-  
hibition of rebuilding, so it may be  
a lost object of interest to the old  
set who remember the old days.  
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**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.**  
A notice that all per-  
sons liable to com-  
munication road tax  
out upon the public  
different road districts  
roads of the dis-  
trict under the Supervision  
of the County  
Commissioner before  
the 1st day of  
September, 1919.  
Done by order of the  
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**COMMISSIONER'S SALE.**  
Under and by virtue of a final De-  
ree of the Chancery Court of Lowndes  
County, Mississippi, made in the  
cause of William A. Love, et al., ver-  
sus W. B. Atkins, No. 2759 rendered  
at the April term, A. D. 1919, there-  
of, the undersigned Commissioner  
named in said Decree will, on the 6th  
day of October, A. D. 1919, being the  
first Monday thereof, within the legal  
hours of such sales, at the front  
door of the Court house in city of  
Columbus, Mississippi, sell at public  
outcry to the highest bidder, on the  
following terms: for cash, the follow-  
ing described real estate, lying, be-  
ing and situated in the County of  
Lowndes, State of Mississippi, to-wit:  
The West half of Southwest quarter  
of section four (4); the East half of  
Southwest quarter of section five (5)  
the West half of the South half of  
the West half of Southwest quarter  
of section five (5); the East half of  
Northwest quarter of section eight  
(8), the East half of the Southwest  
quarter of section eight (8) and that  
part of the West half of the North-  
west quarter of section eight (8),  
described as follows: Beginning  
three hundred and eighty six and one  
half (386 1-2) yards North from the  
Southwest corner of the West half of  
Northwest quarter of said section  
eight (8) running thence North four  
hundred and ninety three and one  
half (493 1-2) yards; thence East two  
hundred and twenty (220) yards,  
thence South four hundred and  
ninety three and one-half (493 1-2)  
yards, thence west two hundred and  
twenty (220) yards to point of be-  
ginning, twenty-two and one-half (22  
1-2) acres more or less. All of the  
above and foregoing described lands  
being in Township Seventeen (17)  
North, Range Seventeen (17) East  
and containing three hundred and  
sixty two and one-half (362 1-2)  
acres more or less.

I will convey only such title as is  
vested in me, which is believed to be  
good.  
This, the 2nd day of Sept., A. D.  
1919. B. A. LINCOLN, Com.  
9-4-3w.

**CHANCERY NOTICE.**  
The State of Mississippi, Lowndes  
County.  
To George Robinson, Residence  
and Postoffice address unknown.  
You are commanded to appear be-  
fore the Chancery Court of the  
County of Lowndes in said State, on  
the 2nd Monday of October, A. D.  
1919, to defend the suit of Jarusha  
Robinson, wherein you are a defend-  
ant.

This 4th day of Sept., A. D. 1919.  
B. A. LINCOLN, Clerk,  
H. L. BAILEY, D. C.

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B. A. LINCOLN, Clerk,  
H. L. BAILEY, D. C.

**CHANCERY NOTICE.**  
The State of Mississippi, Lowndes  
County.  
To Minerva Lyde, Postoffice ad-  
dress, Little Rock, Ark.  
You are commanded to appear be-  
fore the Chancery Court of the  
County of Lowndes in said State, on  
the 2nd Monday of October, A. D.  
1919, to defend the suit of Johnie  
Lyde, wherein you are a defendant.

This 4th day of Sept., A. D. 1919.  
B. A. LINCOLN, Clerk,  
H. L. BAILEY, D. C.

**NOTICE OF SETTING OF CON-  
TRACT.**  
Notice is hereby given that the  
Highway Commissioners of the Bent  
Oak Road District in Supervisors  
District Number 5 Lowndes County  
Mississippi will up to two o'clock p. m.  
Wednesday October 8th, 1919 re-  
ceive sealed bids on grading, gravel-  
ing clearing and grubbing and  
hauling and placing of pipe all ac-  
cording to plans and specifications on  
file in the Chancery Clerk's office of  
said County; to-wit:  
The Bent Oak and Columbus Road  
from a point one mile east of Bent  
Oak in a northerly direction to the  
district line a distance of 1.303  
miles.

The approximate quantities as fol-  
lows:  
Grading ..... 5102 cu. yards  
Gravel ..... 1663 tons  
Clearing and Grubbing ..... 4 stas.  
Pipe 15" ..... 54 feet  
Pipe 24" ..... 27 feet  
The Commissioners will also re-  
ceive sealed bids on gravel and pipe  
F. O. B. Bent Oak, Miss.

The plans and specifications on  
said work may be seen at the office  
of the Chancery Clerk or may be  
had at the office of Gus E. Hauser,  
Consulting Engineer, Columbus,  
Miss. Each bid as an evidence of  
good faith must be accompanied by  
a certified check for the sum of five  
per cent of the cost of construction  
made payable to J. A. Hardy, Chair-  
man. The successful bidder will be  
required to execute bond with some  
guaranty company satisfactory to  
said commission.  
The Board and Highway Commis-  
sioners reserve the right to reject any  
and all bids.  
J. A. HARDY,  
T. L. LOYD,  
Highway Commissioners of the  
Bent Oak Road District, Lowndes  
County, Miss.  
S. 14-21-28-O. 5.

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